

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 22, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. April 22, 1917. My darling Alec:

I am so pleased to hear from you again and so glad John McDermid made you walk home. The only drawback to living in the getaway is that there is nothing to take you out.

Washington is at its loveliest and I haven't been out all day! I have spent most of the day signing my name to copies of my circular letter, they said it would help. Copies will go to every state in the Union and will appear in the papers. If only it will really so some good! I took a great liberty — I got Miss Mackenzie to mimeograph it for me even though the Recorder was delayed a day. I thought you would allow it because this is a matter which might affect the lives of thousands and every moment is precious. She struck off 500 copies this afternoon and 250 yesterday. The other 250 were done by the Navy League and they meant to do the whole job, but in the head-worker's absence it was done so badly that I could not bear to sign them.

It is certainly very important that you should find out exactly about the sheep nipples, but it is very disappointing to know that even yet the nipples are not all functuating. But are the mothers not producing as fine lambs as any of the single flocks? Is John McDermid impressed at all? I feel tempted to try your tea cosy arrangement, only wouldn't the shells come in and ruin the 2 experiment? I should think it would take hours for a candle to heat water. However I am interested in the boat. It is evident that if you can create a fast mooring craft that skims the water you will have helped to win the war. They say the Germans are preparing to use their ships against Russia.

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I have ordered English and French flags up here. We had to go to two places for them, they were sold out. We got Woodward and Lothrop's last Union Jack. The two Ally flags are everywhere.

Much love. Mabel.